

Family Times

Summary

The Unsinkable Wreck of the R.M.S. Titanic

Seventy-four years after the *Titanic*'s tragic collision with an iceberg, two explorers took the mini-submarine *Alvin* two-and-a-half miles down to the ocean's bottom to view the wreck of the *Titanic*. They were the first people to ever see the wreckage. They found that the ocean floor was littered with personal items that serve to this day as a reminder of the accident.



Activity

Uncover Your History With a family member, dig through some boxes your family has stored in an attic or garage. If possible, ask a grandparent or older relative if you can explore his or her house. Try to determine the age of the items you find.

Comprehension Skill

Graphic Sources

Graphic sources include charts, tables, graphs, maps, illustrations, and photographs. Before you read an article, look closely at any graphic sources that accompany it.

Activity

Worth a Thousand Words Pick up a newspaper or magazine and flip through it until you come across a chart. With a family member, study the chart and the information it provides. Then, both of you make a guess as to what the article will be about. Read the article and see how close you came to being right.